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MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted]

SUBJECT : Revised Cuban Requirement

The ICRS DIA Representative is unable to estimate when DIA will be able to provide an input to a revised Cuban requirement paper. Attached is the most recent draft paper that I distributed to ICRS members.

With the exception of DIA, the Committee is in general agreement with the attached revised requirements. I am providing it to you at this time for your information regarding the current status of this project and for any additional guidance or action you may wish to take.

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Acting Chairman
Imagery Collection Requirements
Subcommittee

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SUBJECT : Revised Requirement for Overhead
Photographic Reconnaissance of Cuba

REFERENCES: Ref. a. USIB-D-41.14/305 (COMOR-D-24/203) 10 Jan. 67.
Ref. b. CCPC-D-10/69, 15 April 69
Ref. c. USIB-D-46.4/2 (COMIREX-D-24.1/2) 14 July 67.

25X1D 1. The current requirement for general area and target coverage of Cuba (ref. a.) has been reviewed by the Critical Collection Problems Committee (CCPC) (ref. b.). The CCPC report concluded that, in light of current intelligence objectives, the collection assets being expended against Cuba may be excessive. The ICRS agrees with this conclusion in so far as photographic coverage is concerned, and believes that the USIB requirement against Cuban area and target coverage should be reduced. ICRS also believes that ref. c., which calls for a specific photo product against a specific target, should be cancelled. Efforts to satisfy this requirement in the summers of 1967 and 1968 were unsuccessful. There were no requests to meet this requirement during the most favorable sun-



2. Since the area coverage requirement was last reviewed by COMIREX and USIB in January 1967, the Cuban political/military situation has remained fairly static. Special photographic requirements have been rare and (like the situation creating ref. c.) have usually called for a check on the validity of defector/refugee reports or on the unloading of cargo from certain high interest ships. Most of these specific requirements

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3. In regard to stand-downs, there have been four so far in CY 1969 - one during the inauguration, two imposed during presidential trips abroad, and one in the aftermath of the EC-121 incident. These stand-downs lasted for 3, 12, 14, and 35 days. In only one case, that of the EC-121 stand-down lasting 35 days, when the [REDACTED] were there expressions of concern within the intelligence community. KH mission

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4. We believe, therefore, that current US intelligence objectives against Cuba can be served adequately by the fulfillment of a reduced requirement for area and target coverage. Less frequent U-2 missions, in

reconnaissance over the island. Provisions should be made, however, to maintain a quick reaction (24 hour) capability to overfly Cuba against specific objectives in case some unforeseen but critical circumstance may develop. Furthermore, U-2 missions which are flown against the general requirement should be so spaced that an early fulfillment of the requirement will not lead to extended periods of no overflight activity.

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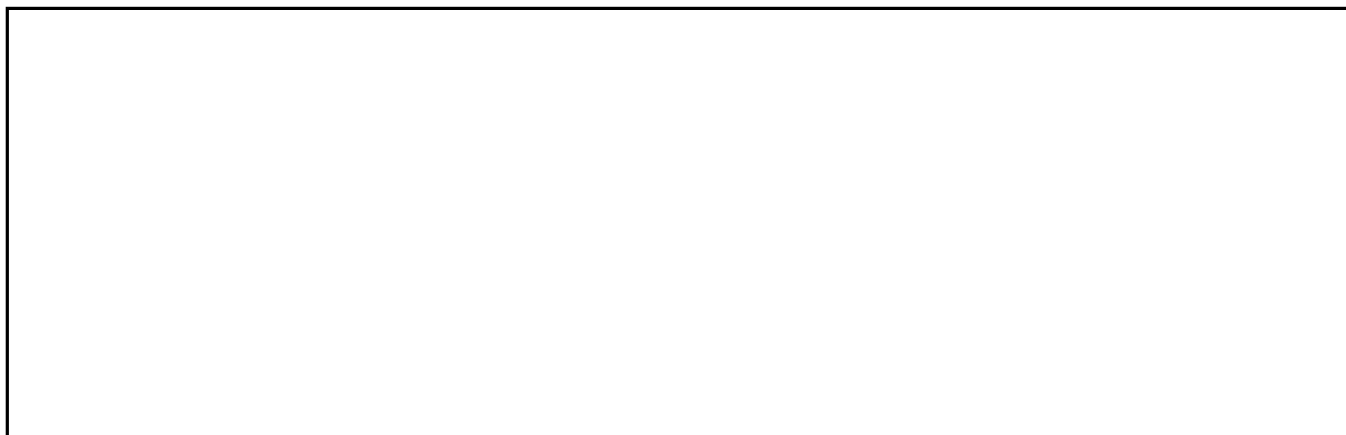
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5. The ICRS recommends, therefore, that the current USIB requirement against Cuba (ref. a.) be modified as follows:



- c. Missions by manned aircraft in response to the above requirements be scheduled so that there is at least one overflight during any four week period; and
 - d. A capability be maintained, regardless of the status of achievement against the above requirement, to overfly Cuba within 24 hours against specific objectives.
6. ICRS further recommends that reference C. be cancelled.
7. This recommendation applies to the Cuban Mainland only and is not intended to imply any restriction on aerial or surface reconnaissance conducted on an over international waters adjacent to CUBA.

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